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## **DHS ANNOUNCES 2008 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM LOCAL AGENCIES TO OFFER FEEDING SITES**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**--The Tennessee Department of Human Services will administer the 2008 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in order that low income children may have additional opportunities to receive healthy, nutritious meals during summer vacation. Regulated and funded nationally through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), this nutrition program is designed to assist low-income children who depend upon school lunch and breakfast programs when schools are in session and whose needs continue into the summer.

To implement the SFSP, DHS contracts annually with a wide variety of local agencies ("sponsors") to prepare, deliver and serve free meals and snacks to children at approved locations ("sites") in low income areas. In 2007, forty-six sponsors operated the program at over 1,300 sites across Tennessee. These feeding locations included parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, schools, colleges, churches, camps, housing projects and other places accessible to needy children.

Administrative sponsorship of the program is limited to the following organizations:  
Public and private non-profit school food authorities;  
State, county or municipal governments;  
Colleges and universities participating in the National Youth Sports Program;  
Residential public or private non-profit summer camps; and  
Private non-profit organizations.

Sponsors must agree to serve meals to all children in attendance regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

For information on sponsoring the SFSP or linking up as a site with an existing sponsor, contact David Farmer or Doug Hutchison, preferably before March 14, 2008, at (615) 313-4749. They can also be reached by e-mail at [david.farmer@state.tn.us](mailto:david.farmer@state.tn.us) or [doug.hutchison@state.tn.us](mailto:doug.hutchison@state.tn.us). The deadline for agencies to submit sponsor applications is May 1, 2008.

For more information on the Summer Food Service Program and other Human Services Programs, please visit our website: [http://state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/afs\\_cafp.htm](http://state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/afs_cafp.htm) .

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